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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application entitled

APPARATUS FOR WRAPPING GROUPS OF PRODUCTS

By: MASSIMO MALINI

1. Type of Application

 Original (non-provisional)

2. Required Papers Enclosed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular):

9 Pages of specification

4 Pages of claims

1 Page of Abstract

3 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figures 1-3)

3. Declaration or oath

 Enclosed

4. Preliminary Amendment

 Enclosed

5. Language

 English

6. Assignment

 An assignment of the invention to: AETNA GROUP, S.p.A. A check in the amount of \$40.00 is enclosed as well as the "Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet".

7. Priority

 Priority is hereby claimed to Patent Application No. BO2003A000436 dated July 22, 2003. The Transmittal Letter Of 35 U.S.C. §119 Foreign Priority Document is also enclosed.

8. Information Disclosure Statement

 Enclosed Form 1449 PTO References

The PTO did not receive the following
listed item(s) Specification, claims,
Abstract and drawing!

9. Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)

CLAIMS AS FILED				
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (IF APPLICABLE) (37 CFR 1.16(d))		ANY -- 0	\$ 290	= \$ 0.00
		BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))		\$770.00
			TOTAL =	\$ 770.00

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11. Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

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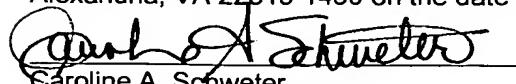
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LETTER

The Examiner is hereby advised of co-pending U.S. Patent Application, Application Number 10/355,457. This application may be related to the above-identified application, and thus may be relevant to the subject matter of the instant application.

This co-pending application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing this co-pending application to the attention of the Examiner, the Applicant does **NOT** waive any confidentiality concerning this co-pending application. 35 U.S.C. 122 (1988); see Medical Laboratory Automation Inc. v. Labcon Inc., 500 F.Supp. 54, 58 n.5 (N.D. Ill. 1980), aff'd, 670 F.2d 671 (7th Cir. 1981). Furthermore, if said co-pending application should not mature into a patent, said co-pending application should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122 (1988) and 37 C.F.R. 1.14.

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